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Anne Frank exhibit: a History for Today

By Balint Molnar

A unique and important exhibition on Anne Frank will take place between April 18 and May 5 at Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive.

Organized by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in co-operation with the Shoah (Holocaust) Committee of Ottawa, the Ottawa Torah Center, the City of Ottawa and the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, the exhibition, entitled Anne Frank: A History for Today, tells the story of the Frank family in the context of the rise of the Nazi party and follows their fate as they seek refuge in the Netherlands to escape the persecution and expulsion of Jews from Germany.

But, as Anna Sptizer-Rijk of the Dutch Embassy explained, the exhibition aims at more than just retelling a familiar story. "The exhibit doesn't only tell the history of the Frank family, but also contains material reflecting on issues arising in today's world, such as human rights and individual responsibility." The organizers have also made a conscious effort of targeting those who are most susceptible to messages of both tolerance and, unfortunately, hatred: students.

"Many Canadian kids don't really know what the Holocaust was all about and we would like to fill in a bit of the gap there as well," said Spitzer-Rijk, who said the embassy contacted Ottawa school boards to ensure high turnout by students and their teachers. She added that students would have many things to take away

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Community celebrates Purim

Children enjoy the Chabad of Centrepointe Purim party at the Nepean Sportsplex. Story and more Purim photos on page 10. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

Women take on leadership roles in synagogues

By Benita Baker

The dictionary defines leader as "a person who rules or guides or inspires others."

When it comes to synagogue life, it's not customary to think of women in leadership positions. Yet, have a look at the management of Ottawa's synagogues—the professional staff who run the daily operations and the volunteers who make up the Boards of Directors—and discover that our synagogues are filled with women in positions of power and influence.

It is easy to assume that synagogue affiliation automatically determines the scope of women's involvement. Yes, there are restrictions on orthodox women participating in synagogue life. Yes, they cannot become rabbis or read from the Torah, but, no, that does not mean they cannot and do not take positions of authority in synagogue affairs.

Esther Kulik is the immediate past chair of Beth Shalom West. If the notion that women are not equal in Orthodox Judaism holds true, then her tenure at the helm of

the shul's board should have been a recipe for conflict.

This was not the case. She easily and readily stepped into the position of chair and she is not the first woman to hold that position at Beth Shalom West. Nine women currently sit on the synagogue's governing body, including three who hold positions on the executive committee. Golda Feig Steinman is slated to become the next chair.

Kulik admits that when she assumed the chair position she thought about the possibility of friction, but is pleased to note that she never encountered any. The challenges she encountered as head of the board were no different than those faced by her colleagues at other synagogues – fundraising, communication, membership. Gender was never an issue.

"Issues that used to exist no longer exist," she said. "Men have got way past that."

Debra Viner just stepped down from her position as president of Temple Israel and has been replaced by another woman, Jane Gordon. Of the 21 presidents over the Temple's 40-year history,

she never encountered any. The challenges she encountered as head of the board were no different than models to be inspired by.

She also points to the example set by other women leaders in our community, singling out the accomplishments of former Vaad presidents, Maureen Molot and Barbara Farber.

"These women set a standard and showed tremendous leadership," she said. "They showed that women can have an influence on community decision-making."

Viner is especially proud of the (Continued on page 2)

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Women in leadership roles in Ottawa synagogues

(Continued from page 1) temple's long history of gender equality, noting that the role of women in temple services and activities has always been egalitarian. She believes that a female rabbi is a real possibility in Temple Israel's future.

Reform Judaism believes in the absolute equality of women in all areas of Jewish life and has been ordaining women since 1972. The growing ranks of women in both religious and secular positions of authority has led to a curious imbalance.

In May 2004, the Associated Press reported that in many US communities females outnumber males in Reform leadership positions. The article went on to say that it is not unusual to find synagogues where the elergy and lay leadership of the congregation are nearly all women.

In June, Liz Petigorsky will become the third female president of Agudath Israel. In preparation, she attended a training program for incoming synagogue presidents organized by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. More than half of the participants were women.

"This says so much about where congregations are going," she said.

Petigorsky will preside over a board comprising several women in positions of authority. Margo Silverman is first VP and Josee Posen is secretary. In addition, women head the adult education, strategic planning and ritual committees.

It can be a little intimidating to be in charge of Ottawa's largest congregation, but Petigorsky is up for the challenge. She believes her term as president will be "exciting" because of all the changes she expects for the synagogue, especially in the area of women's participation. When Agudath Israel was searching for a new rabbi last year, a focus group of congregants identified women's involvement as one of the major issues to be addressed by the incoming rabbi. Some of the changes under consideration include Torah readings and aliyah for women as well as educating women to read, sing and understand the Torah.

Our community life is further enriched by a female mohel, Dr. Lisa Rosenkrantz; and a visiting female rabbinical student, Rachel Schoenfeld.

Women are clearly leaders in our religious life – supervising the affairs of the synagogue, formulating and implementing policy, raising funds and deciding on how they are spent.

Women have always held a respected and influential role in Judaism. Now, instead of merely advising the decision makers, they are the decision makers



Anne Frank exhibit takes place April 18 to May 15 at Ben Franklin Place, Centrepointe. The film Hidden Heroes will be screened April 18 at City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West.

Anne Frank Ottawa exhibit

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"We are preparing a follow-up kit for the teachers, which will include, among other things, a complete teacher's guide on bow to approach the story of Anne Frank in the classroom and a DVD on the life of Anne, narrated by actor Jeremy lrnns."

The Canadian Jewish Congress sponsored the kit. As well, each student will receive a copy of the book Anne Frank's Diary, courtess of DIG.

tesy of ING. Since it was first published in 1947, Anne Frank's diary has become one of the most powerful memoirs of the Holocaust. The diary has been translated into more than 67 languages with over 31 million copies sold since its publication over 50 years ago. Anne Frank's story is especially meaningful to young people. For many students, the story of Anne Frank is their first if not their only exposure to the history of the Holocaust.

The history of Anne Frank is the leading thread running through the entire exhibition, which consists of 55 large-sized panels. The family's story reflects world events during and after the Nazi dictatorship. The exhibition juxtaposes photographs of the Frank family with those of historical

events of the time, and shows how persecuted people such as the Franks were affected both by political decisions and by the actions of individuals.

To broaden the exhibi-

tion's message on intolerance, scapegoating and discrimination, Anne Frank's writings are complemented by additional personal testimonies. These include that of Hans Massaquoi, a schoolboy whose parents were German and African and who lived in Nazi Germany: Hannes Weiss a Gypsy targeted by the Nazis for extermination; Janina Baumann, a survivor of Auschwitz extermination camp; and Patricia Williams. Australian Aborigine talking about discrimination

In addition to the Anne Frank exhibition, on Monday, April 18, the documentary Hidden Heroes will be screened at City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue at 7:00 pm.

The compelling and critically acclaimed documentary takes viewers to the Netherlands where Dutch Jews recount the terrifying ordeal they experienced at the hands of the Nazis and tell of the daring accounts of the hidden heroes who risked their lives to save them

For rescued and rescuers alike, it is a powerfully emotional reconnection with a time and place that holds the conflicting memories of terror and hope. The film is opened to all.

Both events will coincide with the time Canadian soldiers liberated the Netherlands, almost 60 years ago.

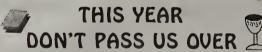
Rubin Friedman of the Shoah (Holocaust) Committee emphasizes two essential points about the exhibit's message.

"One: the speed with which even a tolerant and open society can transform itself into one that is hostile and oppressive to a particular minority. And two: within every population there are people who know what the right thing to do is and do it."

He also praises the embassy for its efforts to bring the exhibit to Ottawa and for its work in reaching out to students in the Ottawa area

"It's important for children of all backgrounds to understand where hatred will lead to and the need for righteous people to stand against it. It's also important in our own community and within other minority communities, as the recent incident at the Abrar Islamic school shows."

Irwin Cotler, minister of justice and Como van Hellenberg Hubar, ambassador of The Netherlands to Canada, will open the exhibition.



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Golf tournament on course for success

associated with the pairing of this year's UJA Golf Tournament cochairs, Fred Seller and Jason Shinder. One of Seller's very first inspirational UJA volunteer experiences was when he worked with Jason's father, the late Lionel Shinder in 1988, the chair of UJA at that time.

"Working with Jason's dad as a canvasser was a wonderful experience!" says Seller. "That's when I graduated from a SuperSunday canvasser to a full-fledged canvasser - taking cards and trying to get people to increase their pledge.

Call it beshert or simply call it timing, 17 years and numerous volunteer endeavours later, Seller and Shinder have joined forces to head up this year's 2005 UJA Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for

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"I come from a very charitable family." says Shinder. "I am a big believer in supporting the community. I can't think of a beneficiary agency that isn't deserving or a cause that isn't important. It's my pleasure to help out and give back, particularly since I've benefited from them along the way. I want to see them all flourish."

Shinder, executive vice-president of District Realty, has been very involved in the community. including canvassing for UJA for 10 years, a Chai walker for 12 years, a Sport Celebrity Dinner committee member for three years, and serving on the board at Beth Shalom.

Similarly, when it comes to community involvements, Seller puts it succinctly, "I was raised with it, support it and give to it, or otherwise our community will cease to

Seller, a lawyer with Brazeau Seller, admits that while "giving" has always been a part of his personal life, it is also very much a part of his firm's culture, whether giving time or dollars towards the Jewish Community, United Way, Kiwanis or the Canadian Cancer Society.



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Fred Seller and Jason Shinder, UJA Golf Tournament co-chairs

Seller has been a UJA canvasser on and off for the last 17 years and a co-chair of UJA's legal division, and continues to be an ardent supporter of Yitzhak Rabin High School, which his eldest daughter attends and where his two younger daughters will soon follow. "In my humble opinion, an agency like Rabin is where the future of our community lies."

The UJA Golf Tournament mega-machine has kicked into gear working to continue to build upon the successful formula that has become synonymous with the tournament. Seller and Shinder hope to raise the bar at this year's event and are looking to raise \$150,000. The Ottawa Citizen is this year's title sponsor and ScotiaMcLeod is a major lead sponsor of this year's

Both Shinder and Seller agree that the UJA Golf Tournament is one of the few community events that enables the community to both celebrate and give. They have been amazed by how quickly the community has stepped up to the plate for this year's tournament.

"It's nice to have an event that reaches out to the non-lewish community and have them support us," says Shinder.

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Agency Profile: Akiva High School

Wednesday nights at Akiva

When you say, "Hey, what's happening?" in the corridors of Akiva High School, it not only solicits the obvious responses, but also refers to one of Akiva's most popular classes.

Professor Gerry Cammy's "Hey What's Happening?" program features guest lecturers and is known to generate considerable discussion and debate amongst teens on various current event issues which have a direct impact on their lives as Jews and citizens. It is but one example of a multitude of exciting programs being offered at Akiva.

Wednesday nights, Akiva is the place to be for many of Ottawa's Jewish teenagers, and this year is of particular significance in that it marks the school's 25th anniversary.

Throughout Akiva's 25 years, it has continued to offer a wide array of high school credit courses ranging from creative to intellectual studies. Languages, philosophy, Holocaust studies, anti-Semitism, biomedical ethics, current events and cooking courses are an integral part of Akiva's ongoing roster. Akiva also teaches three levels of Hebrew and Yiddish, as well as Israeli politics and media coverage of the Middle East.

For the musically inclined student, Akiva offers a music band program programming.

taught by Bill Rowat and Kelly Craig renowned for their rocking klezmer and Jewish medleys - who have performed at Hillel Lodge, Tamir and elsewhere in the community over the years.

Within the Akiva High School environment, Jewish teens from all segments of the community, affiliated and unaffiliated, are brought together to learn and have fun in an atmosphere intended to foster lasting friendships

School principal, Dr. Hillel Taub says, "Students continue to have the opportunity to explore and express their identity through art, music, academic and contemporary issues. We are proud to be instrumental in providing a solid foundation for our youth as future Jewish leaders in the community."

The funds raised each year through the annual UJA campaign are allocated among beneficiary agencies and programs, which collectively constitute an integral part of the Jewish fabric within our community.

Your contribution to the 2005 UJA campaign is the foundation which ensures that Akiva High School and other beneficiary agencies within the community will continue to build, thrive and sustain such high quality of services and

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Educators differ on proposed role of Board of Jewish Education

How to make Jewish education better in Ottawa? In response to identified parental concerns about special education, quality of education, costs, and lack of variety in the curriculum. representatives of Jewish day schools in the city all agree on two aspects of the solution: Increased funding and better promotion of Jewish day school education.

While all of those contacted agreed that the heart of the to stable funding, there was not the same unanimity on the Jewish Education Outreach Committee's recommendation for the creation of a Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

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unprecedented." He reported that his school had put a bigger challenge facing them related emphasis on building their endowments to address the issue of financial stability. In addition he saw the need for a strong BJE to act as a governing body to arbitrate between schools, to set overall policy on tuition and subsidies, to help find indepen-

noted: "It is clear that we

have a solid core of dedicated

Jewish educators and decent

facilities in Ottawa. But too

much of the time of adminis-

trators and volunteers is

taken up with fundraising.

We need to allow the

fundraisers to fundraise and

the educators to educate. We

will then be able to reach a

level of excellence that is

Allan Taylor and to bring world class experts to Ottawa in the areas of teacher training and curriculum and materials development.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein of Yitzhak Rabin High School added that to strengthen Jewish education

Rambam-Maimonides in Ottawa, it was imperative to break down barriers: to find ways of bringing more special education students into the system, to reach out to Jews of all backgrounds and to change the culture in Ottawa so that more people see the necessity of continuing Jewish education into the higher grades.

"People need to understand that just because they feel Jewisb, it does not mean that their children will acquire the same sense of identity by osmosis."

He also emphasized the need for a BJE "to present a unified front on Jewish education, to promote Jewish education for all, encompassing the promotion of education at all ages. It is imperative to promote professional dent sources for subsidies development for all schools and to bring in resources from outside of Ottawa. We cannot afford a lack of vision or narrow-mindedness in our approach to the total education system for the community."

Leah Scarowsky, a member of the Board of Ottawa Torah Institute and Machon on the need for financial stability and outlined how these schools helped prepare the students in both Judaism and professional life. But she was less enthusiastic about a BJE. For her, any future BJE would have to take into account the different philosophies and beliefs of each school. "I do not think a one size fits all approach will be helpful."

Rabbi Zischa Shans of Torah Academy added that there was a need to educate all members of the community about the importance of lewish education. He felt that more needed to be done to make people feel comfortable about asking for financial assistance and noted that was exactly what his school

"More resources will help us make the quality of education even better than it is now and will help us offer more extra-curricular activities to appeal perhaps to a wider cross-section of people."

He saw a BJE as facilitating more standard salaries across schools and helping

standard personnel policies in areas such as health plans for staff. "The BJE could also have a major component focusing on teacher training, curriculum development and helping the various schools find materials appropriate to their particular philosophy and approach. Certainly, it could help in promoting the importance of Jewisb education."

Mitchell Bellman, executive director of the Vaad, reported that the officers of the Vaad were seeking to cre-

Sarah, agreed with the others develop and support more ate a system of funding for lewish schools, which would be objective, transparent and fair and would provide a level of stability in community support. He added that the current OJCF endowment campaign, From Generation to Generation, was undertaken in part to provide a stable source of funds for schools over the long term.

"We are also developing promotion and other support programs that could be delivered by a Board of Jewish Education," he concluded.

Highlights of the proposed mission of Ottawa BJE

The BJE is a committee of the Vaad that would:

- · Enhance the quality of Jewish education in the community through research and identification of eurricula and materials appropriate to different schools
- · Facilitate professional development for educators
- · Promote the importance of quality Jewish education of all kinds and at all levels
- · Maximize the involvement of the community, parents and other interested parties in support of our programs and the overall Jewish educational enterprise of our community
- · Help increase recognition of the contribution and role of educators in the community



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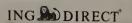
April 18, 7:00 pm - "Hidden Heroes," documentary film, Ottawa City Hall

Volunteers are needed for the exhibition. Please contact Anna Rijk, the Royal Netherlands Embassy Tel: 237-5030, ext. 233. Email: anna.rijk@minbuza.nl



















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evelopmentally disabled integrate into Jewish community

Editor's note: Vaad President Arnie Vered has arranged to shore his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's mojor beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

Tamir is the sole organization in Ottawa that exists for the purpose of promoting quality of life in a Jewish environment for persons with developmental disabilities. Currently, we support approximately 100 families through an annual operating budget of over \$3.5 million.

Our challenge is to maintain the quality of existing services while developing new ones in response to unmet needs. The very nature of our mission requires a lifelong and continuing presence for participants and their families.

David (not his real name) is 53 years old. He lives in his own apartment within Tamir's Supported Independent Living (SIL) program. Through our Passages (supported employment) program, David has a volunteer job, which he loves, with an organization on the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa, works out at the SJCC, is a well known and welcomed member of his synagogue and is very much involved in Tamir's Judaic Outreach program. He leads a full, happy life.

David was in excellent health until last

VAAD Report

Tamir Esther Tarasofsky, President Mark Palmer, Executive Director

year. He now requires significantly more assistance with his activities of daily living; far more than provided for under the original support agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services

David's mother is 81 years old and is asking, "Will my son continue to receive the level of support he requires?"

Tamir is stretching its resources to meet his current needs while the MCSS looks at how to address the aging factor among developmentally disabled baby boomers in

Lisa (not her real name) is a 12 year old with developmental disabilities who lives with her parents and two brothers. Like most children her age, she is active, fun-loving and already a teen.

Lisa requires assistance with most of her daily activities and attends a school within the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board to receive the special education support she nection with Jewish community life.

Both of Lisa's parents work full time and receive an additional \$100 per week through Special Services at Home, a provincial government parent relief program. This affords them 10 hours per week of support from student workers whom they must hire, train and manage on their own. They supplement the workers' wages in an effort to reduce the high rate of worker turnover. They have not a single weekend away together in 12 years.

Assisting people with developmental disabilities to live, work, play, celebrate Jewish life and be educated in the mainstream, strengthens our community and enriches us all.

Lisa's parents are asking, "How can my child acquire a sense of belonging and attachment to Jewish life and, what assistance can we as parents receive so that we may cope better with our constant responsibilities as caregivers?"

Tamir took its first step towards address-

requires. As a result, she has very little con- ing the needs of developmentally disabled children such as Lisa last year with our Keshet for Kids program designed to help kids integrate into mainstream summer camps and Jewish cultural activities.

Thanks in large part to the Vaad and you, the community, Jewish adults with developmental disabilities in Ottawa have been able to lead full Jewish lives (instead of the existence afforded through a meager disability support pension).

The key to progress in our response to David Lisa their families and others like them is rooted in our community vision in which our most vulnerable people are supported by and contribute to our Jewish community throughout their entire lives. This vision is deeply rooted in our Jewish values; Hachnasot Orchim (welcoming) inclusivity), B'tzelem Elohim (treating people with respect), Limud Torah L'Koolum (Jewish learning for all).

Assisting people with developmental disabilities to live, work, play, celebrate Jewish life and be educated in the mainstream, strengthens our community and enriches us all. Only by committing to these values as a community, building on existing partnerships and developing new ones among the Vaad, Tamir and other Jewish community organizations, can we achieve full integration.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut as a religious experience

In a series of five lectures addressed to the world Mizrachi organization, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the great philosopher and Talmudist of the 20th century, delves into the religious significance of the State of Israel

In short, the Rav pictures the State of Israel as the fulfillment of the Torah's commandment to "inherit and settle the land" as cited in Numbers 35. For the Ray, the founding of the State of Israel is a miracle from God, a clear demonstration of the religious underpinnings of the state that no Jew has the right to ignore or denv.

Unfortunately, the legitimacy of the state has been brought into question by forces in the Jewish community from the right and from the left.

In regard to the former, there is a general reluctance on the part of many of the religious right to attribute any religious significance to the state despite the fact that ultra-orthodoxy is flourishing in Israel which it could not do, had the area remained Palestine. Conversely, we are seeing as well a negative reaction to the existence of the state coming from leftwing elements in Israel and abroad who see Israel as an immoral occupier of Arab

The post-Zionist syndrome that exists in Israel, and the anti-Israel attitudes expressed by left-wing Jewish intellectuals (at least in their own minds), bodes ill for a



From the nulnit

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein Beth Shalom West

community that has fought, both literally and figuratively, to make this experiment called Israel work and succeed.

It is also alarming to read that the younger generation does not have the same type of loyalty to and admiration for the State of Israel as their parents and grandparents have.

We are on the defensive when it comes to Israel advocacy because our youth are so poorly informed. Contrast that to the Muslim university youth who are well trained to challenge our rights to Eretz Yisrael and our support of Medinat Yisrael. Were it not for the success of programs such as Birthright and post-high school studies in Israel, the younger generation support for Israel would be that much less.

The Ottawa Jewish community is highly supportive of Israel, as noted by our high participation in UJA missions and the like to Israel, and through our involvement in Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha' Atzmaut commemorations.

However, we are lacking in one area. We do not pay enough attention to the religious component that marks significantly the State of Israel, the state understood as the fulfillment of one of the 613 commandments of the Torah.

It is time for our community to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut as a day of religious significance. This year, on May 11 at 7:30 pm, Congregation Beth Shalom West, a religious Zionist and modern orthodox shul, is inviting the community at large to participate in a Tefillah Chagigit Lichvod Yom Haatzmaut, a special prayer service on behalf of the State of Israel between

Mincha and Maariv which will contain Hallel as well as other recitations. This program will not interfere with the Yom Hazikaron memorial which will take place on May 10, and the community celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut which will occur on May 12.

I urge you to attend this special event to demonstrate that our solidarity with Israel is not simply emotional or nationalistic. Our solidarity is founded on strong religious grounds in the spirit of Torah which unites us as a people.

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Battling the psychological effects of suicide bombings

First, the good news.

Eighty to 85 per cent of children in Israel are coping well with the effects of terrorism and other traumas.

Now the bad news.

Six per cent of the children suffer from full-fledged post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Another nine per cent, although functional, need some form of psychological help.

Luckily, individuals, like psychologist Dr. Danny Brom, director of the Israel Center for Treatment of Psychotrauma (ICTP) at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem, are working on solutions.

I caught up with Dr. Brom during his recent visit to Ottawa to launch the book he helped edit, The Trauma of Terrorism: Sharing Knowledge and Shared Care, an International Handbook. The book is aimed at health professionals and others who have to deal with the effects terror has on their population.

The launch took place on Parliament Hill and was bosted by Minister of State for Public Health Dr. Carolyn Bennett. Later in the day, Brom, who immigrated to Israel from Holland in 1988, presented the book to Holland's Ambassador to Canada, Como van Hellenberg Hubar.

According to Brom, telltale signs of PTSD in children are: being preoccupied with things you see; trying to avoid doing



Editor

Barry Fishman

anything that reminds you of what happened, such as riding a bus or being in the area where the attack took place; trouble concentrating at school; and problems in social relationships with school mates, friends and family.

Although six per cent does not seem like a high number, on average it means two children per classroom are suffering from this debilitating disorder.

"It is a massive price to pay that is far beyond the possibility of anyone or any agency to give individual therapy," says Brom.

Realizing that other models were necessary if the children were to be helped, Brom was a driving force behind the ICTP National School Intervention Program. So far, over 50 schools are involved in the project.

"After trauma, children don't show up to mental heaith clinics," Brom noted. The school system is the ideal place to reach them. A multi-layered approach is necessary. Teachers are taught how to deal with the stress they are feeling from the effects of suicide bombings and then given the tools to work with the children. All the students learn how to deal with fear and learn self regulation and how to create hope.

The next step involves giving the students a questionnaire to identify those at risk. Group treatment sessions with the school psychologist are held for the six per cent suffering from PTSD. The nine per cent who are functional but still need some help visit the guidance counsellor.

"You have a more resilient system that responds to everyone, and it responds to the weaker parts of the children and really gives them what they need." Brom says.

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Very young children are not immune from the effects of terrorism. Research at day care centres has shown that between 15 and 20 per cent of two- and three-yearolds have difficulty in their development. Not surprisingly, every one of those children has a parent suffering from PTSD. Brom is hoping to create programs to help the parents as well as their children.

Brom says great strides have been made in the last few years to help those affected by terror. A coalition of more than 40 organizations now meets regularly to collaborate and sbare information. One example: within the framework of the coalition, hospitals now train their staff to follow up with all terrorist victims, including those who may not be physically hurt, but are in shock.

Surveys suggest that, overall, Israelis are coping well. However, Brom wishes children and adults could learn to relax and do more fun things, rather then try to get so much done and have the attitude that "tomorrow might be the last time."

This attitude, Brom believes, may help to explain why adolescents in Israel take more risks and why fatal car accidents increase in the days after a suicide bombing. In fact, he says, a recent study shows "the third day after a suicide bombing, there is a 30 per cent increase in fatal traffic accidents."

To learn more about the work of Dr. Danny Brom and the Israel Center for Treatment of Psychotrauma (ICTP) at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem, visit the centre's website at www.traumaweb.arg

'The power of freedom to overcome tyranny and terror'

Soon after he became leader of the former USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev began to promote a policy of openness in public discussions. He called it *glasnost*.

Gorbachev finally acknowledged the brutality of the Stalin era, and the corruption and stagnation of the Brezhnev era. Soviet leaders became more receptive both to the media and to foreign leaders and began a new period of detente with the West. Of course, Glasnost was only a predecessor of a far more important development, namely the collapse of the entire Soviet bloc and the replacement of their many repressive dictatorships by a succession of democracies.

Former Soviet dissident (and current Israeli cabinet minister) Natan Sharansky and Ron Dermer have explained the collapse of the former Soviet Union in a brilliant new book, The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror.

According to them, all people and all societies want freedom, which they define as the right to dissent, to walk into the town square and declare one's views without fear of punishment or reprisal. Societies that do not protect that right can never be reliable partners for peace.

After all, when a society spends so much time and effort stifling freedom and dissent, it must have external enemies, so somebody



How I see it

Bob Dale

can be blamed for the many problems that inevitably exist, like poverty, food shortages, and corruption. That's why citizens are strongly encouraged, through state propaganda and other means, to focus on external enemies instead of on their leaders (the ones really responsible for their ills). Successive leaders did this in the former Soviet Union, and their repressive governments were able to continue in power for a long, long time.

Free societies like ours, say Sharansky and Dermer, must demand that repressive countries institute democracy.

A serious problem is that too many people feel that what goes on within the boundaries of another country is none of our business, and that we can bave peaceful relations with repressive regimes as well as with democratic ones. That view, say Sharansky and Dermer, is completely at odds with reality. Indeed, the security of the free world depends on using all possible leverage — moral, political, and financial — to

support democracy, wherever and whenever we can.

The Arab world, say Sharansky and Dermer, is ripe for democratic revolution. Imagine what would bappen, they ask, if the enormous support the free world currently gives to nondemocratic regimes in the region were given to the many people (like the dissenters in the former Soviet Union) whom these regimes now repress (they provide a partial list in their book). In Sharansky and Dermer's view, hundreds and then thousands of dissidents would emerge, just like in the former Soviet Union, and the end of the "fear societies" of the Arabian world would draw nearer.

According to Sharansky and Dermer, only a few western leaders, among them US President George W. Bush and British leader Tony Blair, openly agree with their thesis about the inextricable link between freedom and peace, between democracy and security. That's why Messrs Bush and Blair have tried to build free societies in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, despite the widespread unpopularity of (and opposition to) their actions.

Other world leaders must also come on board. This would require them to change the entire focus of their foreign policy agendas, which are typically based on their fear that their countries' oil supplies might be cut off if they offended repressive Mideast

If the free world uses its enormous leverage (as they did with the Soviet Union, despite their fears of the huge nuclear arsenal that might be deployed against them). Arab regimes will no longer be able to violate human rights with impunity. The more freedom and opportunity the people of the Arab world enjoy, say Sharansky and Dermer, the more secure the rest of us will be.

A controversial theory, indeed, especially because of its link with an unpopular US president (at least in countries outside the United States). But to those who disagree, let me pose a question. If President Bush hadn't made this link, and taken the actions he did, would Lebanon have seen a popular uprising against the Syrian occupation? Would the Palestinians have chosen a president in a democratic (if imperfect) election? Would Ukrainians have protested against a stolen election? Would Iraqi citizens have defied death to vote? Would Libyan leader Ghadafy have made peace overtures to the West? Would Saudi Arabia have initiated discussions about the need for reforms in government?

Something important and new is clearly happening, and Sharansky and Dermer's book provides the only plausible explanation

Mailbag

Panel discussion enlightening

It has been acknowledged that, as Canadians, it is incumbent upon us, as a Jewish community, to participate more fully in the political process and governance of Canada.

To that end the Vaad Ha'lr Communications and Community Relations Committee (CCRC) called a meeting with a prestigious panel of experienced individuals to seek ways and means to promote involvement.

Forty eager neophytes gathered to learn and to dialogue with David Miller, Jack Silverstone, Mitchell Bellman Chuck Mcrovitz and lan Sadinsky.

A hearty thank-you to them for a job well done!

Some effective insights were gleamed. Hopefully there will a follow-up committee. Pearl Greenberg

Editors note: see story on page 14.

Newsletter would help women network

I enjoyed reading Benita Baker's article on women leaders in our community.

It made me think, that in comparison to the old boys network mentioned, Young Women's Leadership is a good springboard for women into community involvement

Meg Friedman (senior associate, UJA Ottawa), is taking Young Women's Leadership further, trying new things and encouraging the younger generations to get involved. Thanks to her encouragement, I attended TO '05.

As a past member of Young Women's Leadership, I suggest a newsletter, specifically for all Young Women Leadership graduates, to further our networking capabilities within our community and beyond. Included could be information on the year's "graduates" from the program; updates and articles on past members; information on Women's Division activities and opportunities within the community; and most importantly a way to stay in touch with past members and to use these fellow women members as a true network system.

Ilana Albert-Novick

Letters welcome

Letters to the Editor are welcome if they are brief, signed, timely and of interest to our readership.

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Bob Dale ends column

After years of providing Bulletin readers with his unique point of view and insight, columnist Bob Dale has decided to no longer write his column, How I see it.

The staff and management of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin thank Bob for providing us with his entertaining column and wish him well.

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Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

Pirkei Avos 3:7 - Rabbi Chalafta ben Dosa said: Ten people who sit together and engage in Torah study, the Divine Presence is among them ... and even only one person ...

By Rabbi Zischa Shaps

This Mishnah emphasizes the power of Torah study. The study of Torah has the power to draw the Divine Presence to the point that even if one-person studies alone, the Divine Presence is there.

Yet, the Mishnah differentiates between group study and individual study. Group study allows for discussion, an exchange of ideas and the mutual stimulation of fertile minds. Nevertheless if one cannot find a group to study with, individual study is still important enough to bring the Divine Presence.

In his commentary to Avos, Irving Bunim points out that even if one is alone, he is never really alone. If you open the sacred volumes and fill your mind and heart with the words of Torah, the Divine Presence will dwell with you and you will not be alone.

A second point regarding group study is that there is always more power in a group. Rabbeinu Yonah explains that the more people who join in the performance of a good deed, the greater is its cumulative value. A group of people studying Torah together is greater than the same number of individuals studying independently.

This is true in community life as weil. A group working together can always accomplish more than the same number of individuals working alone. Let us continue to work together and study together so that next year we will experience the Divine Presence together in Jerusalem.

Corrections

In the first paragraph of the March 21 story on the legacy of Daniel Pearl, the incorrect date was given. The Simon Wiesenthal Center Daniel Pearl Dialogue for Muslim-Jewish Understanding takes place Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Incorrect information was given to the *Bulletin* about the Canadian Friends of Yad Vashem Yom Hashoah Commemoration on Parliament Hill. The event is open to the public and takes place at 3:30 pm on Thursday, May 5, 2005 on Parliament Hill.





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Three named 2005 Negev Dinner Chairs

In my last column I had the great pleasure of announcing Dr. Hartley Stern as 2005 Negev Dinner honouree. In this column, I am delighted to be announce that Robert Greenberg, Ron Vered and Ron Cherney have agreed to share duties as Chairs for this year's Negev Dinner Campaign. In mapping out the strategy and implementation for a successful dinner, this terrific trio has set its sights on confirming major foundation gifts by the end of June. So, when one of the threesome calls for your support, please be ready with a resounding Yes!

Jennifer Dickson lecture a huge success

The audience at the second and final lecture delivered by noted artist/ lecturer Jennifer Dickson, C.M., R.A. accorded the speaker an enthusiastic ovation at the conclusion of her fascinating talk on Jewish Expressionism in Modem French Painting. The evening, under the Honorary Patronage of Mrs. Dalia Baker, wife of His Excellency Alan Baker, Ambassador of Israel to Canada and sponsored by Carol Greenberg and Family, was held in the Foreign Affairs Building on Thursday, April 7. Doris Bronstein, who chaired the successful event, asked me to say a resounding "Thank You, Ottawa!" on her behalf.

And, speaking of thank you, Ottawa!

Thanks to the generosity of the Ottawa Community, as part of Vision Negev, an Ottawa Forest of more than 3000 trees will be planted in the dry desert. Kudos to every one of you who supported this vital cause. Special thanks to Telethon Chair Lynne O'Neil and to Naomi Lipsky Cracower who chaired the Mop-Up Campaign, and to their invaluable volunteer crews.

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Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah inscriptions

On the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, Eve Rachel Benlolo has been inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah by her proud parents, Cantor and Mrs. Daniel Benlolo, sister Shira, brothers Jonathan and Michael.

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Jewish groups call on government to take action against crimes in Darfur

By Katy Peplinskie

This year, as Jews mark the 60th anniversary of the Auschwitz liberation, they remember the gas chambers, the crematoria and the Nazi executioners. "Never again," is their whispered oath.

And yet, as they reflect on the ghastliness of the Holocaust, a similar madness is unfolding in Darfur. In Western Sudan, Arab Muslim militias are massacring the Black Muslim population.

Already, 180,000 Sudanese are dead, with another 10,000 being slaughtered each month.

Jewish activist groups like the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith stress that since most of the world turned a blind eye when six million Jews were exterminated, Jewry has an obligation not to let this horror be repeated in Sudan.

"We have a special responsibility to take action against these crimes in order to prove that we have learnt something from our own dreadful experiences," says Bernie Farber, director of the

Increased action is crucial since, after four Security Council resolutions, a UN Commission of Inquiry, an international observer mission and several peace talks, no major steps have been taken to disarm the Jan-

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jaweed military - the group which has been carrying out Darfur's calculated campaign of slaughter, rape, starvation and displacement.

The CJC has sent a letter to Prime Minister Paul Martin, urging him to follow up on his earlier pledges to intervene in the massacre.

"We trust that all necessary further steps will be implemented forthwith to ensure a successful Canadian foreign policy as it relates to Darfur," writes Mark Weintraub, chair of the CJC's national Darfur committee. "We ... know from our advocacy work that many Canadians await with great anticipation the speedy enactment of an effective strategy, which will help protect the millions of innocents whose lives are at risk, while simultaneously bringing credit to us as a nation impelled by conscience."

Joel Kaplan, president of B'nai Brith International, stresses a UN council resolution is the only thing that will make the Sudanese government take action against the Janjaweed. He calls for targeted measures such as freezing overseas assets of companies controlled by Sudan's ruling party, a travel ban on key officials, a no-fly zone over Darfur, an expanded arms embargo, and a boost to at least 10,000 troops in the menitoring

However, as some experts attest, the UN Security Council's makeup works against such strong resolutions. Russia and China, both permanent veto-holding council members, have been blocking sanctions against Sudan because of their own oil interests

Weintraub points out that though Canada can't overcome these roadblocks on its

on those countries that are obstructing action in Darfur.

The CJC and B'nai Brith urge the Jewish community to lobby their MPs and other decision-makers on the issue. The CJC is also sponsoring a effort to save those lives." national Purim petition says Kaplan.

own, it can shine a spotlight addressed to the Canadian government, and is working with rabbis to formulate a Passover program that might be included at Seders to highlight the crisis in Darfur.

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Children enjoy learning about Russian culture at the OTC Purim party.



JetSetters laughed their way through Purim with an evening of comedy at Yuk Yuk's following the Megillah reading and refreshments.



Celebrating Purim at the Benlolo school



Centrepointe of Nepean's costume party "the best"

By Lynne Cohen

The Jewish holiday of Purim was celebrated in Nepean this year in style.

Sponsored by Chabad of Centrepointe – the organization that makes celebrating Jewish holidays easy for its neighbours – a major costume party for the entire Jewish community and all ages was held at the Nepean Sportsplex Thursday evening, March 24.

There was no charge for attending and each child received a prize for their costumes. Some of the best costumes – such as Mordechai and Achashverosh— won prizes like children's bicycles and Nintendo games.

"It was really a fantastic time," says Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn, who heads Chabad of Centrepointe.

"We expected about 150 people and we had more than 400. It was one of the greatest family events of the year."

It seems like most of the guests were children, all piled into and jumping around in the huge inflated jumping castle, shipped into Nepean from Montreal.

"The kids were ecstatic in that castle," says Bassy Mendelsohn, the rabbi's wife.

The kids also did arts and crafts where they decorated puppets of all the Purim characters, including, Haman Vashti, Achashverosh, Mordechai and Queen Esther. Later they watched a hilarious show by the famous L'il John the Clown.

Bassy, known around town for her specialty cooking, prepared — that's homemade prepared — all the food for the party: meatballs, hotdogs in blankets, rice, salads, knishes, barbecue wings, egg rolls, and, of course, several kilos of the traditional Purim pastry, hamentashen. Understandably, there was not a morsel of food left at 9:30, when the party wrapped up after three fun-filled hours.

As required on Purim, the night started with the reading of the Megillah Esther, the Purim story of how Queen Esther saved the Jews from annihilation.

As the Megillah was being read by Rabbi Sholom Ber Shochet, the room was amazingly quiet, except when the name of the evil Haman was read. Then everyone sounded their graggers (noise makers), booed and stamped their foat

"It was the best Purim party I have ever been to," said Mushky York, 16, who helped Bassy make 250 Purim baskets of to deliver to Jews in Centrepointe the following day.

"Everyone was so happy to be there at the Sportsplex celebrating the holiday. I hope we can do it again the same way next year."



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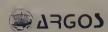
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Dennis Prager to speak at JYL event in memory of David Kardash

By Pauline Pankowski

In celebration of its 22nd anniversary, the Jewish Youth Library is planning a reception and lecture in memory of David "The Bear" Kardash. The event will take place at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue on May 31, 2005 will feature the acclaimed author, public speaker and radio talk show host, Dennis Prager. The reception will begin at 6:00 followed by Prager's lecture at 7:30 pm.

In his too short life. David Kardash had a prefound impact on everyone he met. He managed to find time for

anyone who needed him and, whatever the circumstance, had the ability to bring to the fore an appropriate balance of wisdom, humour and compassion. He was admired by all who had the privilege of enjoying his company, whether they were family, friends, members of the Jewish community or colleagues in the legal and business

Kardash's involvement with Camp B'nai Brith became the building block for a lifetime of community service and commitment. He was very involved in community service through his work at his law firm, giving freely of his time as president of the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue or following his heart as a partner in the family business, Rideau Bakery.

The feature speaker, Dennis Prager, has been described as "one of America's five best speakers" and "the best talk show host in America." He has appeared as a guest on a variety of television broadcasts including Larry King Live, CBS Evening News, and the Today Show. The subject



Dennis Prager

matter for his May 31st lecture has been drawn from his most recent best seller, "Happiness is a Serious Problem."

The Bear embraced and put into practice much of Prager's philosophy so it is truly fitting that these two

outstanding personalities share this memorable evening.

The memorial lecture is a key fundraising event for the non-profit multi-faceted. Jewish Youth Library. The Library offers meaningful activities and services to Jewish children, teens and adults from all levels of observance and backgrounds

Tickets for the memorial lecture are available from Ellie Greenberg (726-0447), from the Jewish Youth Library (729-7712), or in person from Rhonda Waserman at Just Imagine Travel. 1207 Wellington Street, between Parkdale and Holland Avenues (728-5717).

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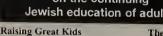
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Terrorist expert special guest at CFHU Passover lunch

By Shelli Kimmel

Rita Katz has devoted her life to tracking and analyzing international terrorists. Well before 9 / 11 she was briefing American government officials on the financing and recruitment networks of the radical Islamist terrorist movement.

Katz was born in Basra, Iraq, to a well-to-do Jewish family. Two years after her father was executed by Saddam Hussein's regime in 1969, her family managed to flee to Israel. There she grew up fluent in both Hebrew and Arabic and pursued Middle Eastern Studies. Katz immigrated to the U.S. in 1997.

Her career as a terrorist hunter began innocuously through her work with a Middle East research institute. In studying a charity called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, Katz realized it was a front for Hamas.

Katz decided to study the



Rita Katz

she dressed as a Muslim woman and began attending fundraisers, conferences, mosques and rallies, discovering the enormity of the problem of radicalism on U.S. soil.

Terrorist Hunter: The Extraordinary Story of a Woman Who Went Undercover to Infiltrate the Radical Islamic Groups Operating in America came out of these forays into the activities of these Muslim groups.

At times the experiences for Katz, a Jewish woman infiltrating the Muslim world, were terrifying, but what she discovered was even more so. After much deliberation Katz decided to publish the book anonymously, feeling the importance of getting her information across far out weighed the potential danger of being outed.

Islamic fundamentalism in America is far more extensive than most Americans believe. The idea that radicalism exists only in the Middle East or Afghanistan is far from the truth. Katz has witnessed and recorded numerous bloodchilling statements openly calling for violent jihad.

Katz will be the keynote speaker at the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (CFHU) Passover Iuncheon. The Iuncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 27 at Agudath Israel Congregation. Cost to attend is \$25 per person.

Tickets will only be sold in advance and must be purchased by Thursday, April 19, 2005 by calling Shelli Kimmel (829-3150 or e-mailing skimmel@c/hu.org).



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Panel of experts urges involvement in politics

By Balint Molnar

Recently, the Vaad Ha'lr's Communications and Community Relations Committee (CCRC) brought together a panel of seasoned activists and professionals to address the lack of Jewish particination in partisan politics and to offer some practical tips to those in the audience committed to raising the Jewish community's profile in the political ring.

Why is there a dearth of Jewish activism in party

How does one get involved?

How can one influence policy on matters important stressed

to the community?

These questions formed the core of the seminar, which offered the insider's perspective of panelists David Miller (former director of operations for Jean Chrétien). Jack Silverstone (chief of staff for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Joe Volpe). Mitchell Bellman (former legislative assistant to MP David Berger), and Chuck Merovitz (a local community activist for the Liberal Party).

On the urging of moderator lan Sadinsky, the panelists recounted their own initiations to politics and all that getting

involved is much easier than it might appear at first.

"I think it's actually very easy to get involved. Parties and candidates are desperate for people who want to help out and [are] willing to get involved at the grassroots level," said David Miller, whose own involvement in party politics started with a local election campaign in Saskatoon while still in high school.

Mitchell Bellman recalled his years working on Parliament Hill for MP David Berger as not only exciting but also highly educational. "It was like a second undergraduate degree," he said, adding that Canada's open and accessible political system means people have only their own apathy to blame for lackluster political activity.

One of the easiest and most straightforward ways for involvement in the political process - be it municipal, provincial, or federal is through local riding associations, the basic units of political parties.

Riding associations are most active in ridings where a party either has an elected representative or has a good chance of electing one in the future. Riding associations are most active during election campaigns when they are responsible for organizing the riding's election campaign.

In addition, the party constitution usually allows each riding association to hold a nomination meeting, which selects the party's local candidate

"Nominations are a crucial part of the political process, and that's how I got involved," explained Chuck Merovitz.

"It's rather easy actually; at the very least you can offer your help and participation when they knock on your door during a nomination drive

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It is also relatively easy

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ing for, said Bellman, is

some "face-time" with con-

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cern for the group.

"You'd be amazed to know, how many young people hold positions of considerable responsibility in government and in parties,"

> "Many communities across Canada place a high premium on political involvement and political participation is actually expected of young people.'

Jack Silverstone said.

Younger people might

even consider politics as a

Silverstone also derided some of the fears that might motivate against open political involvement by Jews.

'The Jewish community is the most conspicuously self-conscious community, I've seen. It's time we stand up and make ourselves heard on issues we care about strongly," he said

But involvement in partisan politics inevitably means eventually facing the dreaded clash between personal convictions and certain party policies, especially when it comes to Israel.

Bellman recalled his own experience during the first Gulf War. "Many of my beliefs and positions were challenged because of the many negative views of Israel that surfaced during the formation of the Liberal party's position."

Still, he added, this is the reality of the party system.

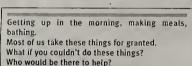
"It's above all about maintaining unity in the face of considerable differences of opinion on certain topics. Party unity is a myth, but through a common set of values and principles, party leaders and members do manage to

work together." panelists also The agreed with Bellman's assessment that the Jewish community traditionally undervalues people who are involved in politics. This is in stark contrast with other communities, where political participation is both expected and highly valued. In turn, these trends combine to produce highly detrimental results for the community's agen-

"Our influence is diminishing while at the same time other groups gain influence with agendas that are opposites to many of ours," said Merovitz.

In the end, however it is not only the Jewish community that loses by its members' opting out of partisan politics

Bellman said he believed that, while the community did pay a heavy price for staying away from the political process, it was also Canada's loss not having more qualified and talented Jews bringing their unique perspective and values to the table.



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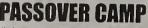
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deep sorrow' upon Pope's passing Israel expresses between Israel and the Holy

By Herb Keinon

Israel expressed "deep sorrow" at the passing of Popc John Paul II, who in 1986 referred to the Jewish people as "our elder brothers."

Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom issued a statement saying that "Israel, the Jewish people and the entire world, lost today a great champion of reconciliation and brotherhood between the faiths

"On behalf of the government and people of Israel, we extend our condolences to the Catholic Church and the flock of Pope John Paul II," Shalom said

"This is a great loss, first and foremost for the Catholic Church and its hundreds of millions of believers, but also for humanity as a whole. I had the privilege of meeting with His Holiness twice, and I was deeply impressed by his insights and his unique humanity. The State of Israel joins all those who mourn his

The statement praised Pope John Paul II for leading

the Catholic Church towards closer relations with Israel and with the Jewish people. "Through his public and religious work, he promoted inter-faith understanding and dialogue, with a willingness to address the past, and a profound determination to build a future of understanding and brotherhood between all faiths," the statement read.

Shalom said that John Paul II was the first Pope in history to visit a synagogue when he did so in Rome in 1986 and referred to the Jewish people as "our elder brothers

"On all his travels around the world he always made sure to meet with the Jewish community in every place. The Pope was committed to the fight against anti-Semitism which he saw as a sin against God and against humanity

millennium, Pope John Paul II called on the Catholic Church to conduct soulsearching regarding its relations with the Jewish people

"In the build-up to the

and all those who have suffered as a result of the Church's teachings. Prior to his historic visit to Israel in 2000, the Pope asked the Jewish people for forgiveness for the crimes that have been perpetrated against it in the name of the Church."

Shalom noted that the Pope's visit to Israel in March 2000, together with tens of thousands of pilgrims, also included a visit to Yad Vashem. He also said that the Pope "will be remembered for his courageous and visionary drive to establish full relations

ber 1993 Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres said that Pope John Paul II was a "true spiritual leader," whose leadership was not limited to his followers. Peres said that the Pone embodied what is sub-

> common among humanity. "Every step be took and every place he went John Paul II called for peace and

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See." These efforts culminat-

ed in the signing of the Foun-

dation Agreement between

the two parties on 30 Decem-

love," Peres said.

Peres said that he met with the Pope on numerous occasions, and that each time he was impressed by his "rare combination of historic wisdom and personal charisma. We will remember him always as one of the spiritual leaders of the both the past and present centuries."

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The Tikkun Olam Pope. John Paul II at the Western Wall in March 2000.



death of Pope Canadian Jews mourn

By Barry Fishman

The Canadian Jewish community mourns the death of Pope John Paul II and fondly remembers his efforts in fostering Christian-Jewish relations and the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the State of Israel in 1994

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national chair of reli-

gious and inter-religious affairs and spiritual leader of Machzeiki Hadas, told the Bulletin Pope John Paul II was "a significant presence on the world stage and made a tremendous difference in the relationship between our two communities 1

On behalf of Canadian Jews, the rabbi expressed his condolences to the Roman Catholic community and called the Pope courageous for affirming that Jews were the people of the covenant and for recognizing the State of Israel.

"The Pope took up the spirit of Nostra Aetate, the historic 1965 document issued under Pope John XXIII affirming the eternity of the Divine Covenant with the Jewish people, and turned it into a program for personal action and interfaith reconciliation.'

Rabbi Bulka noted that "the issuance in 2000 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops of Jubilee: Renewing our Common Bonds with the Jewish Community directly reflected John Paul II's attitudes. It has served as a milestone on the road to strong positive Catholic-Jewish relations in our country."

CJC National President Ed Morgan called the death of the Pope a tragic loss for the entire human family.

"To use a Yiddish expression he would have appreciated, John Paul II was a mensch (a good human being) through and through."

Morgan said, "John Paul Il was especially moving and eloquent in giving voice to the pain he experienced over the unimaginable Jewish suffering in the Shoah and to its implications for humankind."

He praised the Pope for recognizing the Jewish people's claim to its ancestral homeland, which led to the Vatican establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

In a statement B'nai Brith called the Pope a builder of bridges to all faiths and communities who leaves behind a rich legacy of speaking out against anti-Semitism and racism

It noted that Jews will never forget his emotional pilgrimage to Jerusalem's Western Wall, his acknowledgement of the Jewish people's right to nationhood in Israel and his apology for the suffering caused by Christian anti-Semitism over the years.



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Kosher food bank needs Passover foods

By Barry Fishman

Passover is a time of celebration, a time to get together with family and friends to enjoy special meals. But for Jews who must rely on the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank for their Passover supplies, it can be a tough time.

Volunteer Kosher Food Bank Director Allan Sand is appealing to members of the community to help out during Passover.

'We are looking for all kinds of Passover food, except for matzah meal which we have plenty of. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. It allows us to supply our clients with food vouchers so they can purchase Passover food."

The food bank, run out of Agudath Israel Synagogue, serves 80 client families for a total of 140 people. It also provides food and food



Linda and Allan Sand

vouchers for the JNF seniors shut-in service, Warm Room. The program brings isolated seniors together to share a meal and conversation. As well, the food bank provides food vouchers for the JNF Ottawa Street Smart program that helps street kids and the homeless

Unfortunately, Sand says, "the need has been growing."

For some, the food and food vouchers they receive once a month are the only groceries they get.

"We try to make it a fair amount. If we could, we would give them more," he

Sand and his wife Linda first got involved by packing groceries at the food bank. They eventually began runIn fact, says Sand, "I was spending so much time on food bank business, I found myself staying later at work to make up the time. I decided to take early retirement so I could spend more time helping the food bank."

The kosher food bank desperately needs volunteers to help deliver food to 10 to 20 families once a month and to help pack food. For more information on volunteer opportunities contact Allan Sand (832-3318 or israelsand@295.ca).

Non-perishable kosher for Passover food or personal care products can be dropped off in specially marked bins at Agudath Israel, SJCC or Loblaws College Square. You can also make a donation to the kosher food bank by calling Agudath Israel Synagogue



A matzah production line at the Yehuda Matzos factory in Jerusalem. By making a donation to the Kosher Food Bank or the B'nai Brith Gift Basket program, you will help Ottawa Jews celebrate (IPS photo by Avi Ohayon

courtesy of the Israel Government Press Office)

B'nai Brith Passover Gift Basket program helps those in need

By Barry Fishman

For over a decade, B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge 885 and Parliament Lodge 2159 have helped Jewish Family Services make sure Jews in the Ottawa area have enough Passover food to celebrate

Three years ago, 350 people were helped. This year, almost 500 people will receive assistance.

Although, B'nai Brith Lodge President David Freeman admits, "it is getting harder each year to raise money because there are so many requests from others," the effort is well worth it

He and other volunteer "many of those needing fundraisers like Marty Black, Charles Schachnow, Gordie Viner and Solly Goldmaker spend hours trying to raise fortunate have a happy

All funds raised go directly to help JNF clients.

"One hundred per cent of the money is used to help the clients. There are no overhead costs and the printing and mailing of the campaign letter is covered by members of the Lodge," says Freeman.

At one time, the food baskets included fresh poultry. Unfortunately, says Freeman,

assistance don't have an oven, just stove top burners."

It was found that along with a basic food basket of the money to help those less matzah, Shabbat candles and grape juice. Loblaws gift card vouchers were a more meaningful way to help.

B'nai Brith and JFS are hoping to raise \$38,000. Although they have received a generous anonymous donation of \$18,000, they still have a long way to go to reach their goal.

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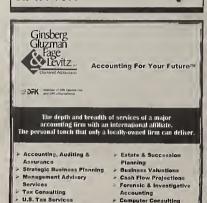
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JFS to hold four community-wide Seders

JFS will be hosting four est levels of Kashrut. Passover Seders this year, two each evening. One pair of Seders will take place in the Russian language, at Young Israel Synagogue, where many new immigrants will be celebrating their first Passover in Canada.

Two community-wide Seders will take place again this year at Central Park Lodge. For members of our community who do not have the opportunity to share a Seder elsewhere, JFS is filling the gap, bringing together, singles, families, newcomers, people with low income, and seniors to fill in as each other's extended family.

Some of the reservations made for these Seders came with letters telling us how important this event is for those who feel alone here in Canada's fourth largest city.

The food served at all four Seders meets the high-

If you or someone you know would like to participate in any of the JFS Passover initiatives, please call 722-2225.

If you can't make it to one of the Seders, consider sponsoring a meal for someone in need.



Rabbi Blum to lead Passover Seder

The Ottawa Torah Center Chabad is hosting a traditional Seder led by Rabbi Menachem M. Blum. This community Seder will allow for a meaningful Pesach experience filled with traditional songs, holiday stories and lively discussions.

Rabbi Blum will delve into the inner meaning of the Haggadah and into the application of the Pesach experience to our

In a warm and family atmosphere participants will enjoy an elegant, savoury Passover dinner including genuine handbaked matzah, authentic marror and homemade charoset. The Seder will be userfriendly and will cater to adults and children

"The Seder may appear like a drawn-cut series of rituals, repeated year after year. But when it is experienced, we tap into the liberation energy that is present and break free from our personal bondage," explains Rabbi Blum of OTC

"Experiencing the Seder is like ascending a spiral staircase. We pass over the same points, but each year we reach a higher

The Seder will take place the second night of Pesach, Sunday, April 24, 2005 at OTC, 3023 Cedarview Rd.

For more information and reservation please call 823-0866.

Caytak family to hold community Seder

Dr. and Mrs. Yosef Caytak will once again be opening their home to singles, couples and families for the Passover Seders.

The Seders this year will take place on Saturday night April 23 and Sunday, April 24. There will be lots of good company, user-friendly English translations and lots of good food. There is no charge.

To reserve please call Devora Caytak

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By Michael R. Burr In an unprecedented effort to increase knowledge

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Haggadahs, edited by Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, rabbi of Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Kollel scholars will also discuss Pesach and hand out Haggadahs to children in the Talmud Torah Afternoon Hebrew School.

During the week of March 27 - April 2, the Kolle! offered a total of 14 different classes on various Passover topics in locations throughout the city.

"We have conducted classes throughout Ottawa and plan to distribute 3,500 Haggadahs" the Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Binyomin Holland told the Bulletin. "because we want to make it as easy for people as possible to learn more about Pesach, so that every Jewish family can have a more beautiful and meaningful

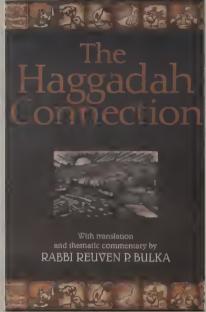
"Pesach is literally the birthday of our people, and the lessons of Pesach have been learned and relearned every single day since for almost 4000 years!"

Classes took place in

Barrhaven, Centrepointe, Craig Henry, Rockliffe Park, Sandy Hill, Ottawa Centre and Alta Vista. Among the many topics discussed were: How Women Saved the Day in the Exodus from Egypt, Pesach as the Jewish Answer to Anti-Semitism, Making the Seder Meaningful for the Whole Family, The Secret of the Fifteen Steps of Freedom - Revealed and What the Exodus from Egypt Means Today.

The Kollel of Ottawa is a centre for Jewish education with a wide range of programming for men, women and children of varying backgrounds and levels of religious commitment. The Kollel is located at 1762 Carling Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Rabbi Binyomin Holland and Rabbi Yonah A. Burr can be reached at (613) 729-



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Head of Museum of Civilization guest speaker at Prime Time

On Thursday, April 14, Prime Time at Temple Israel is delighted to welcome Victor Rabinovitch as our guest speaker, Dr. Rabinovitch is the President and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation.

Rabinovitch completed a BA in Economics at McGill University and a doctorate degree at Sussex University in England. Before joining the public service, he spe-

1982, he came to Ottawa as a member of the government Task Force on Atlantic Fisheries. He was an assistant deputy minister at Fisheries and Oceans and served in a variety of capacities, including economic policy, inspection, enforcement and international relations. From 1995 to 1998, he was an assistant deputy minister at Canadian Heritage. In 2000,

cialized in labour issues. In he became the president and chief executive officer of the Museum of Civilization Corporation.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy his talk. Lunch begins at noon and costs \$8 for members of Prime Time and \$10 for nonmembers.

For more information and to reserve your spot, please call Anna Bilsky (728-4202) by April 11.



Young Adult Division of UJA re-launched

For years, Jewish communities across North America have lamented the decline of young Jews who affiliate with UJA and have worried that our communities are losing volunteers and donors, and not replacing them.

Research shows Jews over 50 are 10 times more likely to give to their local UJA campaign than 18-34 year old Jews, and twice as likely to give to UJA as 35-49 year olds.

sion of UJA Ottawa hopes to inject new energy into programming for the 25-45 year old set, and to engage them in community and Jewish life.

On Saturday, March 5, YAD re-launched its Young Adult Division in the company of 125 young Jewish adults who came together to mix, mingle and learn more about YAD's spring programs which include "Blue Monday" after-work socials for our young singles, a

Frank Exhibit for Young Couples, a business seminar for young professional with Colleen Francis from Engage Selling Solutions, and a "Pay It Forward" Mitzvah Day for young families.

YAD also sent 24 delegates to the National Young Leadership Conference held recently in Toronto.

Jenny Shinder and David Baker, co-chairs of YAD have recruited a dynamic and diverse volunteer cabi-



The re-launch of YAD attracted 125 participants to a local night club.

net that will help to plan a variety of social, educational and cultural events, as well as leadership training and business seminars for the six subdivisions that fall under YAD: Young Singles, Young Couples, Young Families, Young Professionals, Young Women's Leadership Council and the Ben-Gurion

YAD's goal is threefold. First, to connect young adults with each other and the Jewish community, second, to empower young adults to "Live Generously" - by giving of their time, sharing their talents and contributing to their community and third, to have a really good time along the way.

So whether the young adults of Ottawa see themselves as "West End" or "East End" Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox; single or married, UJA is honing they'll give YAD a try. After all, the future of this city's Jewish community is their responsibility too.

For more information about YAD, contact Meg Friedman, senior associate UJA at 798-4696 ext. 270 or e-mail at mfriedman@jccot tawa.com. You can also check out the VAD webpages at www.jewishot tawa.com.

OUR TOWN

Seymour Mayne awarded education prize

Seymour Mayne, uOttawa English professor and well-known poet, has been awarded the University of Ottawa 2005 Excellence in Education Prize,

Mayne was "gratified to know that he received the award based on the recommendation of students and faculty."

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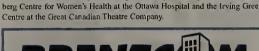


Seymour Mayne

Shirley Greenberg endowment uOttawa's largest individual donation

Retired Ottawa lawyer and University of Ottawa alumna Shirley Greenberg recently gave \$ 3-million to endow the Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession in the University's Faculty of Law, Common Law Section. It is the largest individual donation in the university's history.

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Israeli writer Judith Katzir guest at Temple Israel

By Balint Molnar

Acclaimed Israeli writer Judith Katzir was recently the guest of Temple Israel. Katzir, one of Israel's most prominent women writers. was visiting Ottawa, where she also spoke at the Ottawa International Writers Festival and at Carleton University.

Born in Haifa in 1963 to lawyer parents, Katzir grew up in what she calls a "comnlex" family as result of her parents' divorce.

"I grew up with several full- and half-siblings, quite a rarity in the Israel of the 70s."

After serving in the Israeli Navy, Katzir moved to Tel Aviv to study film and literature and later worked as a researcher for Israeli television. She also started writing short stories and her first collection of novellas, Closing 1990 and became a best seller. It was later also published in English, and a paperback reprint is due out by the end of 2005

In her lecture, interspersed with reading of excerpts from her writing by Merle Haltrecht-Matt, Katzir elaborated on her multiple identities as an Israeli woman-writer and took the audience on an engrossing journey into the world inhabited by the unique characters of her stories.

Although Katzir's stories are intimately personal many include variations on her own and her family's biographies - they are also embedded in wide-ranging subjects like the Holocaust's legacy or the national trauma caused by the Rabin assassi-

of the Sea, was published in nation, offering an absorbing and acute insight into the collective psyche of contemporary Israel.

In her 1999 short story collection Ivland Lighthouses. Katzir's main protagonist is Reuben Shafir, a successful attorney and former Mossad agent, whose character is partly based on Katzir's own father. In his sixties, Shafir laments the missed opportunities and broken promises of his life while also longing for the Israel of his youth: the one before the rise of the right and the Rabin assassination, that ultimate symbol of innocence-lost for many Israelis.

"This is the first story in which I relate to present day events in Israel: the Rabin assassination, which I view as a national trauma from which we have not yet recovered and which has reversed the course of history. Had Rabin not been murdered, perhaps a Palestinian state would exist alongside Israel today, and the four years of the intifada might have been avoided," she says.

Katzir is also interested in how the collective memory of the Holocaust molds Israelis. In her latest novel



Judith Katzir (left) and Merle Haltrecht-Matt.

cinal that lews are always persecuted, that the whole world is against us - and we must therefore have as large a country as possible, and defend it at all costs, regardless of whether others are hurt in the process. The other. humanistic, idea, presented

by Rivi herself, proposes that because of everything we have gone through as a nation, we should be more sensitive to the rights and suffering of minorities."

Katzir says her current work on a sweeping family saga, which deals with the pre-state Zionist period and centres on her great-grandmother's life, aims at bringing the various strands of her identity together in a single story. Katzir says she wanted "to combine my unique Israeli and family heritage with my current socio-political outlook, and to somehow embrace all this within my primal identity as a woman

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Anti-Semitism surges in Canada

By Katy Peplinskie

The number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in Canada last year doubled to 857 - the highest amount ever reported since B'nai ing hate crime statistics in

In its regional breakdown, the survey reported 66 incidents of anti-Semitic behaviour in Ottawa - 33 of vandalism, 29 of harassment and four related to

"Clearly, we have a growing climate of hate developing," says Michael Geist, Ontario chair of B'nai Brith's Human Rights League. "While Jews may still feel comfortable, we cannot afford to ignore what's going on."

Sgt. Ralph Heyerhoff of the Ottawa police hate crimes unit says he finds the biggest spike has been in the amount of graffiti incidents reported, like the spray painting of Beth Friedman, the Vaad's direc-Shalom West synagogue this past July. "These types of acts are clearly on the rise," he says.

Other local examples of anti-Semitism have included anti-Jewish posters, and Jews being discriminated against because of how they dress. Some Jews, including a rabbi, have even received hate mail.

The report also notes a dramatic rise in the number Brith Canada began compil- of incidents related to the historical stigma of Jews as Christ killers. Only nine such incidents took place in 2003, but more than three times as many occurred in 2004. In February alone the month Mel Gibson released The Passion of the Christ - nine incidents were reported. The tendency continued, with another 15 being reported in the following three months.

> B'nai Brith's report contends that even when complaints against such crimes are laid, investigations are often protracted, inconclusive and lack the type of closure that would send a strong message to Canadians that anti-Semitism is not acceptable in this country."

However, as Rubin tor of planning, points out, it's important people realize the possible fallacy of B'nai Brith's conclusions: "It's difficult to analyze raw statistics like these because it's possible that the numbers are an indication of more

use of [B'nai Brith's] hate line rather than of a corresponding rise in hatred."

Still, Friedman agrees with B'nai Brith that Canadians have adopted a more permissive attitude towards the criticism of Jews.

"This change in attitude seems to correspond with growing opposition to Israel," he says.

Bernie Farber, national chief executive officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress, says things cannot

"The firebombing of the United Talmud Torah is an example of what can happen when anti-Semitism is not kept in check," he says. "We must work together to make anti-Semitism as vile and pernícious as racism in the minds of Canadians."

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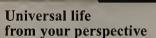
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By Louise Rachlis

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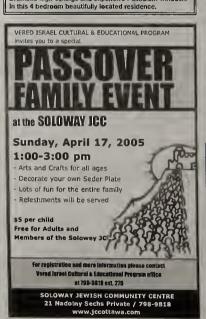
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Na'amat Otzma helps build a playground in Jerusalem

By Jodi Gitter

A new play structure at the Na'amat Beit Elisheva Day Care Centre in Jerusalem costs \$6,000 to build.

Sharon Reichstein, president of the Na'amat Otzma Chapter, has made it her mission this year to raise those

In January, Otzma hosted 70's Disco Night at the home of Jenny and Jason Shinder, Many of those who attended dressed up à la Saturday Night Fever and all enjoyed the music of that era.

Both a silent and a live auction took place with guests bidding on a wide variety of fabulous prizes that included tickets to the theatre and spa days. The grand prize was a weekend away at the five star Soho Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto accompanied by tickets to the Toronto Raptors.

The event raised an impressive \$3,500 toward Na'amat Otzma's goal.

On May 8, 2005, Mother's Day, Reichstein and her team are, once again, organizing an event that promises to be one of the highlights of this year's social ealendar - a Mother's Day Tea at the Aristocrat Hotel.

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Ottawa Jewish population increases

By Allan Moscovitch

Recently the first results of the 2001 Census of Canada for Ottawa became available.

Prepared by Charles Shahar, under the auspices of the and the Jewish Community in Canada. Council of Ottawa, The Jewish Community of Ottawa Part I and Part II are together a compendium of data on the Jewish population by location, gender and age with comparisons to other ethnic

In this study, the measure of Jewishness is based on the total of all those people who self identify either religiously or/aod ethnically, but does not include those who identify ethnically but have another religion. In other words an ethnic Jew who self identifies religiously as a Christian or a Buddhist is not included in the total of all lews

There were 13.445 Jews in Ottawa-Gatineau, some 1.3 per cent of the total population. This is just about the same percentage of Jews in

The 2001 Jewish population is 15.8 per cent greater than the figure for 1991 when there were 11,625 Jews

Ottawa ranked fifth UIA Federations of Canada among Jewish communities

> The Jewish population has been moving westward in Ottawa over the past 20 years. The new Jewish Community Campus on Broadview Avenue was a key part of this westward movement as well as recognition of it.

Now the largest concentration of Jewish people (2,995) resides in the Nepean South area, which includes Centrepointe and Craig

Nepean South is also the tion. area showing the largest increase in population over the last decade. Kanata is the area showing the largest growth at 96.7 per cent.

Almost 55 per cent of the Jewish population lives in the western areas of the city including Nepean South, Nepean West, Ottawa West, national figure.

Barrhaven South and Kanata. This percentage represents a small increase over what it was in 1991.

The next largest coocentrations are in Alta Vista (15.9 per cent) and Centretown (15.8 per cent).

The age distribution of the Jewish population of Ottawa is atypical.

While 16.7 per cent of all Canadian Jews is 65+, in Ottawa the percentage is 11.7 per cent, a level less than the percentage of all senior Canadians.

The percentage of Ottawa Jews in the 45 to 64 age group is 30.7 per cent, a figure higher than either the Canadian Jewish population or the total Canadian popula-

At the other eod of the age range, the percentage of children and youth is close to national averages. At 22.4, the percentage of Jews of prime working age in Ottawa is lower than the national Jewish figure and much lower than the Canadian



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'C-SPAN's Balance of the Absurd' gives Holocaust denier a platform

Five years ago, Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, successfully defended herself against writer and notorious Holocaust denier. David Irving.

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"falsification of the historical record was deliberate and ... motivated by a desire to present events in a manner consistent with his own ideological beliefs, even if that a libel suit filled by British involved distortion and manipulation of historical evidence?

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fied. He noted that Irving's - to "balance" a presentation by Lipstadt on their weekend BookTV program.

Shortly after Lipstadt's History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving began appearing in bookstores, BookTV's producers proposed taping Lipstadt's March 16 lecture on the book at Harvard Hillel. She was "delighted."

However, a few days later. Linstadt received an e-mail alerting her to an item on Irving's website indicating he too had been contacted by C-SPAN. The producers confirmed they were planning to broadcast a taping of Irving's performance at an Atlanta diner - to present the plain-tiff's "view" as they subsequently claimed in their statement to the press - immediately following her lecture.

When C-SPAN producer, Amy Roach, told Lipstadt they planned to proceed with the Irving broadcast whether she appeared or not. Linstadt advised Roach this would do considerable damage to C-SPAN's credibility.



Deborah Linstadt (Photo: Jillian Edelstein)

In a Washington Post story, "C-SPAN's Balance of the Absurd," columnist Richard Cohen noted that while Lipstadt had rescinded permission to tape her Harvard Hillel presentation, C-SPAN was still planning to air the Irving segment.

By March 17, The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies had gathered the signatures of over 200 historians and submitted a letter of protest to C-SPAN. A week later, they submitted a second letter signed by a further 300 academics.

The media coverage Lipstadt noted in an e-mail interview "was somewhat reminiscent of the coverage of the [libel] judgment."

The internet, she said, has changed everything. The word on this spread like wildfire. It was amazing."

Lipstadt has received copies of correspondence sent to C-SPAN protesting their actions. One writer wrote. "Your apparent attempt to capitalize by broadcasting someone you thought would bring controversy to her appearance and somehow boost your ratings has failed you and brought disgrace upon you and your network. Shame on you.'

Alan Dershowitz who had introduced Lipstadt at the Harvard Hillel presentation. told the Los Angeles Times, "This is not about free speech. [Irving] can stand on a street corner and rant and rave, but C-SPAN ought to let him sell his poison elsewhere. They shouldn't create a debate where one doesn't exist."

Lipstadt herself is a Book-

TV fan. However, she noted, "balance is not something they seem to strive for, certainly not in setting up talks back to back."

C-SPAN has claimed Lipstadt "has closed her book discussions to our cameras" In a letter to the N.Y. Times, Lipstadt points out this is "disingenuous" and she "would welcome coverage, but not if my talk was juxtaposed with one by David Irving, a man British courts found to be a Holocaust denier."

To date, C-SPAN has not aired the Irving program, nor has Lipstadt heard from C-SPAN. When asked if she might suggest a compromise, Lipstadt replied, "I don't think I need to suggest a compromise. I am interested, however, in what their plans are."

Hilary Ostrov, a former Ottawa resident (known then as Hilary Ingre), was director of JSU/Hillel in the '80s, She now lives in Vancouver and she has been assisting Professor Lipstadt in maintaining her blog.



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Most schools sent approximately 20 delegates to the Montreal event. Yet, despite sending only six students. Yitzhak Rabin High School (YRHS), brought home three of the five most prestigious awards and much praise.

Five committees were represented: Security Council (SC), Disarmament and International Security (DISEC), World Health Organization (WHO), International Labour Organiza-



(From left to right) Model UN delegates from Yitzhak Rabin High School Liat Ben-Choreen, Daniel Friedman, Leah Labib, Leah Schweitzer, Naomi Schwartz, Tal-Or Ben-Choreen

tion (ILO). United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), YRYH students were divided between the latter four committees and represented both Thailand and

Each committee debated two topics and wrote many resolutions on the debate topics. All of the committees completed the debate topics on time with the exception of DISEC, who had to deal with a "crisis," in the Horn of Africa. The debates in that committee extended almost three to four hours longer, and ended slightly after mid-

night. The YRHS students were divided into the following committees: Daniel Friedman and Leah Labib. UNODC: Tal-Or Ben-Choreen. WHO: Leah Schweitzer and Naomi Schwartz, ILO; and Liat Ben-Choreen, DISEC.

Daniel Friedman received Honourable Delegate, and Leah Schweitzer and Liat Ben-Choreen received Best

Delegate awards along with

their respective committee

YRHS instructor Michael Goodman helped prepare the Model UN team for the debates and jointed them on their trip to Montreal.

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Preparing for the Pesach Seder with Bible Stories

Preparing for the Pesach Seder should be more than cooking and cleaning. It might also include reading bible stories, thinking about the Exodus story in the Haggadah and questioning both what is in that story and what has been left out.

For example, some might say the real starting point for the Pesach story is Joseph. Why? Because his story foreshadows many of the Pesach themes, and includes Joseph's invitation to his father and brothers to leave the Promised Land and join him in Egypt. Generations later, another great leader, Moses—also not mentioned in the Haggadah—rescues their descendants.

The following bible stories provide entertaining reading and food for thoughtful Pesach preparations.

Stories From Adam And Eve To Ezekiel

By Celia Borker Lottridge Illustrated by Gary Clement Groundwood Books 2004 144 pps. Ages 9 and up

In Stories From Adam and Eve to Ezekiel. Toronto's prizewinning author Celia Barker Lottridge retells 32 well known stories from the complete canno of writings termed the Jewish Bible. Of these, 11 stories are from the additional writings that extend the history and stories found in the Torah. Each story is cross-referenced to its biblical source. Each is enhanced by a stylized, full-colour illustration true to its historical setting.

Lottridge's writing style is straightforward and simple, with an emphasis on the rhythm and flow of the words providing an impact on the story and the audience. Conceptually, however, what Lotteridge is attempting is far from straightforward or simple.

Her goal is to trace the changing relationship over time between the Israelites and their God. In doing so, she is also tracing their relationship to the Promised Land, though this fact is sometimes less obvious.

Although the stories are abridged, the linkages between them, both regarding time and recurrent themes, are always front and centre. I found this feature especially helpful in the latter stories, for example, those of Gideon and Elijah, which can be confusing.

Lotteridge also has a way of making the epic seem normal and natural. Her stories are about great figures – stereotypes, some say – for Western literature and culture. But for readers they are human beings, some more complex than others, but all within our nowers of understanding.

Thus, her description of King Saul as a great leader but a



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troubled man perfectly sets the stage for his love/hate relationship with David, which, interestingly, she doesn't explore. And her retelling of the story of Naomi and Ruth emphasizes the mutuality of their relationship, each caring for the other as they return to the Promised Land and find their place among the people.

Deftly narrated and thought provoking, Stories from Adam and Eve to Ezekiel will help readers gain a clearer understanding of the major players and themes of the Jewish Bible. A super preparation for the Pesach Seder!

> The Caat of Many Calors By Jenny Koralek Illustrations by Pauline Baynes Eerdmans Books for Young Readers 2004 Unpaged Ages 4 - 8

Jenny Koralek's version of the story of Joseph begins with Jacob giving *The Coot of Many Colors* to his favourite son. Emphasizing the harm to relationships caused by impulsive, unthinking words and actions. Koralek tells the story in an abbreviated straightforward manner.

Jacob didn't anticipate how his older sons would react to Joseph's splendiferous coat. And Joseph compounds their jealousies by boasting about his dreams and their interpretations.

Finally his brothers have had enough and, in today's vernacular, teach him a lesson he'll never forget.

The brothers' actions and words send Joseph into slavery in Egypt and Jacob into mourning.

But Joseph's luck changes. He interprets the Pharaoh's dreams and is put in charge of preparing Egypt for the coming years of famine.



From The Caat of Many Colars

When the famine occurs, Jacob's family is also affected. Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy food. They don't recognize Joseph, but he recognizes and tests them. Then, after his brothers pass the test, Joseph invites his family to join him in Egypt

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Foolproof Hard-boiled Eggs

I learned how to make perfect hard cooked eggs at Dinah's Cupboard, an upscale take out food shop.

Every morning, it was my job to cook six dozen hardboiled eggs for the various sandwiches and salads that had to be prepared each day. I became proficient in no time at all

The pinprick technique was a tip I picked up from Mark Bittman's book, How to Cook Anything. 1 learned the peeling technique described here from Cook's Magazine (March/April 2003 issue).

This recipe can be doubled or tripled, but just make sure that you use a wide enough pan to hold the eggs in a single layer and deep enough so they can be covered by at least an inch of water.

You can prepare the hard-boiled eggs a day or two ahead of time and keep them in an airtight container in the fridge.

6 large eggs

Gently prick the wide end of each egg with a pin. Prick just enough of the shell without piercing the mem-

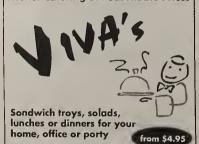
Place eggs in a medium saucepan, cover with an inch of cold water and bring to a boil over high heat. As soon as the water comes to a boil, remove pan from heat, cover and let sit for 12 minutes.

While eggs are sitting, fill a medium bowl with 4 cups cold water and about 12 ice cubes.

After eggs have sat for 12 minutes, transfer eggs to ice water bath with a slotted spoon. Let sit for 5 minutes. The ice water bath stops the cooking process and prevents discoloration of the yolks.

To peel eggs, tap egg all over against the countertop, then roll it gently back and forth a few times on the counter. Begin peeling from the air pocket (wide end). The shell should come off in spiral strips, attached to the thin membrane.

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I do not like green eggs and saltwater

I am firmly convinced that Dr. Seuss was inspired to write the children's book "Green Eggs and Ham" after attending a Passover Seder.

He took one bite of his hard-boiled egg in saltwater, looked inside and saw that awful green/gray ring around the yolk and presto, a children's classic was born.

The green colour in the yolk is actually a sign of excessive or prolonged heat. Under these conditions, the iron in the volk reacts with the sulfur in the white to produce ferrous sulfide, which shows itself by discolouring the egg.

Cooking hard-boiled eggs is not difficult, yet it is seldom done properly.

I'll give you a few pointers in a foolproof recipe and the yolks will be a beautiful golden yellow as nature intended.

The second recipe in this week's column is for my zaidy's bubelahs (matzo meal pancakes). When I was little, my sister Faith and I would sleep over at my zaidy's apartment. We felt so grown up going off with our little suitcases for an overnight visit.

On Saturday morning, our zaidy would make us bube-

He would beat the egg whites until light and fluffy and then carefully fold them into the batter. He would heat a large pan, melt butter in it and then dump the entire bowl



of batter into the pan at once.

After about five minutes, he would flip the pancake over by tossing it up in the air.

It was a majestic sight to watch that huge pancake airborne. It almost always landed safely back in the pan, uncooked side down.

On those rare occasions when it hit the ceiling or stovetop, Auntie Susie, zaidy's youngest daughter, quietly cleaned up the mess!

He said it was all in the wrist action. He would cut it into wedges and eat his with salt sprinkled on it. We ate ours with lots of sugar.

My zaidy is gone now, but I make these pancakes for my children. I still have not mastered the flip of one huge pancake, so I make several smaller ones, but they are just as delicious.

Zaidy's Bubelahs

Makes about 11 small pancakes

I do not know why these are called bubelahs when it was my zaidy who made them for us. They should have been called zaidelahs.

Feel free to top them with sugar, jam or maple syrup.

4 eggs, separated

1/2 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup matzo meal butter for frying

Separate eggs and place whites in a large bowl and yolks in a medium bowl. Beat egg white's with a hand held mixer until stiff. Set aside.

Beat together the egg yolks, milk and salt. Add matzo meal and mix well to combine.

Gently fold egg whites into the yolk/matzo meal mix-

Heat 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat in a large non-stick skillet.

Drop batter into pan, using about 1/4 cup per pancake. You will probably be able to fit about 4 pancakes into the pan at once

Cook until browned on the first side, about 2-3 minutes. Add a bit more butter to pan and flip to brown on the second side.

Remove browned bubelahs from pan and continue with remaining batter.

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Books for spiritual consideration

Last column, I gave you a smorgasbord of new non-fiction titles to sample. Again, not being able to keep up with all the Jewish books being published these days, here are some titles, recently scanned, with observance and spirituality in mind.

Opening the Tanya:
Discavering the Moral & Mystical Teachings
af o Classic Wark of Kabbalah
By Rabbi Aiden Steinsoltz
Jassey-Bass/John Wiley & Sons
Hardcover, 2003

Rabbi Aiden Steinsaltz seems to have made it his mission to elucidate Jewish teachings and observances, from Shabbat to the art of Jewish prayer, for the EveryJew. With this book, the renowned contemporary scholar and teacher invites readers to delve into "the repository ... of the whole of Hasidism" and "one of the greatest books of moral teaching (mussar) of all time."

The Tanya was written by Rabbi Schneur Zalman in 1797. Its premise: the forces of good (the Gödly) and evil (the animal instinct) inhabit each one of us, and rather than their cohabitation being a struggle unto death, these forces struggle for our character. It is up to us to transcend our base desires to attain a higher spiritual greatness. The Tanya is the ultimate book on character development.

Rabbi Steinsaltz goes through the first 12 chapters of the Tanya, line by line, providing his own insightful commentary.

Pirkei Avas: The Birnbaum Editian By Rabbi Berel Wein

The Shoor Press/ArtScroll, Mesoroh Publications Hordcaver, 2003

Known as "Ethics of the Fathers," Pirkei Avos (or Avot) has been widely translated and interpreted. It's a handbook for living a moral Jewish life.

Rabbi Wein writes: "To truly appreciate the grandeur of its words and the sublime nature of its wisdom, one should understand Avos on two planes: on the one hand, the times when it was taught and the great authors of its teachings, and on the other hand, the universality of what they had to say."

He structures his commentary accordingly, using his past experience as a pulpit rabbi and yeshiva teacher as inspiration. Included are personal ancedotes as well as the teachings and insights of various unattributed scholars. The sub-title says it all: "Teachings for our Times," which is what the rabbi is hoping for with this edition.

The Way Inta Jewish Mysticol Traditian By Lawrence Kuslmer Jewish Lights Publishing Softcover, 2001

Kushner takes readers on a "guided tour ... organized around 50 Jewish mystical ideas." Beginning each one with its original Hebrew or Aramaic text, followed by the transliterated pronunciation and then Kushner's own translation. each

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This is not a comprehensive anthology of Jewish mysticism but, rather, an exploration of its elements that Kushner feels are relevant to today. Written by the prolific Lawrence (not Harold of Why Bad Things Happen ...), writer of contemporary titles on Jewish spirituality, this book was a National Jewish Book Awards Finalist.

> The Way Inta Tarah By Norman Cahen Jewish Lights Publishing Hardcover, 2000

Whether just wanting to float or eager to dive in, Cohen asks readers to immerse themselves in the waters of Torah. Studying Torah is a holy act, a mitzvah or commandment, "one that lies at the basis of our covenantal relationship with God"

In this readable introduction, Cohen discusses the importance of Torah study and why we should bother devoting time to it. He defines the differences between the oral Torah and the written text, suggests how Torah can offer us "unending opportunities for interpretation" at every stage of our lives, and asserts that Torah cannot be studied in isolation but must be shared within a community of others, especially with a teacher and a study partner. He writes: "Torah can sweeten the bitter waters of our lives; it can facilitate our personal journey from Egypt, Mizraim, the narrow places in our lives ... through the aridity of the desert to God's place."

A Book of Life: Embracing Indaism as a Spiritual Practice By Michael Strassfeld Schocken Books/ Rondom Hanse Hardcover, 2002

Rabbi Michael Strassfeld sees Judaism as "a spiritual practice meant to awaken us to life's potential."

This co-author of the popular Jewish Catalags found there was one singular element either lacking or being sought in Jewish American life: spirituality. Closely following ritual does not guarantee spiritual mindfulness and, in fact, ritual alone is not enough to elevate the mundane activities of human existence into a potentially holy experience. That's why Strassfeld wrote this book – to try to make clear the kavanah (intention) of Jewish ritual and practice.

From dawn to bedtime, from Rosh Hashanah to Tisha B'Ay, he explains the accompanying rituals and how enriching they can be. Where there is a dearth of ritual (for example, ending the work day), he suggests his own. Strassfeld addresses life milestones (from birth to death) and the paths of study, prayer and chescal (loving-kindness); and offers suggestions for resource material.



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Aggadah and the Haggadah

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel made a distinction between two types of knowledge: We know some things through what we feel (empathy) and explain other things through the use of reason. Teaching has to connect to our sentient being – to feelings – if some of the most important lessons of life and of behaviour arc to be absorbed and internalized.

Storytelling is one of the ways in which empathetic learning is fostered. In every traditional culture, life-lessons are shared and transferred from generation to generation. In Jewish tradition some of the key empathetic lessons are conveyed through Aggadah, the traditional stories used by the rabbis to illustrate their teachings.

The Aggadic tradition provides a wide variety of stories about the same thing. Perspectives can vary or even contradict each other. They serve different educational or moral ends. Thus, we have different perspectives on the same Exodus story while the essentials remain the same.

in the Haggadah, the intent is to fix in the minds and hearts of the people the centrality of God and the obligation to observe Pesach, in every generation, as if you, yourselves, were slaves in Egypt and directly benefited from the miracle of liberation.

However, in the book of Exodus and the rest of the Torah, there is much more detail about Moses. Parts of the story have to do with the conflicts between Moses, the leader, and the people, who are not easily led.

Achad Ha'am, the late 19th century pioneer of modern Hebrew and cultural Zionism, suggested that Moses' story sets a pattern for a recurrent theme of tension between prophetic vision (idealism) and the Jewish people who crave normality, a resting place from further change and challenges.

In that sense, perhaps "Dayenu" takes on a radically other meeting — the antiphony between the people crying out "Dayenu" ("Enough already") while God leads them forward toward the ideal. The story is full of episodes of recalcitrance and regression (wanting to return to Egypt for the security of slavery, rather than face the uncertainties of the desert; dancing around the golden calf idol, etc.).

The Haggadah, which is the same story told from a different perspective, has a more focused intent and therefore has no direct references to Moses.

Jewish tradition has layer upon layer of storytelling and meaning. Many of these stories are in the Midrash or in later rabbinical sources. Some have become the common heritage of everyday folk tales.

An example is the story of Moses and the King of Arabia.

The King hears reports about Moses and wants to get a better sense of this great man. He sends an artist to find Moses and paint his image.

When the artist returns, the King calls on his sages to interpret his painting (but doesn't tell them who is the subject). The sages, experts in determining character through physical appearance, conclude that this is a picture of a cruel, arrogant, willful, proud individual who isn't always honest.

The King explodes, "What are you talking about? Don't you know he is the great leader, the perfect Prophet, Moses? How can you say such things?"

The sages insist that this is what their science tells them. Perhaps the artist didn't really meet Moses and painted some-body else. The King decides to meet Moses. Moses looks exactly like the picture, and the King tells him what the sages

Moses replies, "It's all true. By nature, I am cruel, arrogant, willful, proud, and not always completely honest. I bave spent many difficult years in the effort to curb these evil impulses. I am not always successful, but I keep trying, every day."

The story shows us that even a great man like Moses bad to study and work hard to realize his moral potential. It is an



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ethical lesson we should all learn as we struggle to reach our potential.

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Many traditional stories are summarized in the 1901-1906 Jewish Encyclopedia: http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/ index.isp

Use the search box, entering "Moses," "Exodus," "Aaron," etc., or other specific terms. Many articles will include a subhead covering rabbinical sources or interpretations.

Midrash: My Jewish Learning, guided learning — "Midrash Aggadah"; http://www.myjewishlearning.com/ texts/Midrash/MidrashAggadah.htm

Stories from the Midrasb and other sources: Ginzberg, Legends of the Jews: http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/loj

The language of youth discovered, sort of

I was very excited. I had just come to Ottawa to work as a summer student on a federal study of youth. My four Toronto friends and I had been bired as linguists.

Our orientation session took place at the Brooke-Claxton Building in Tunney's Pasture, just a stone's throw from the Ottawa River.

No cows were to be seen in this "pasture" and the green fields around the building were only big enough for a touch football game and a few grazing public servants whom we saw eating their paper bag lunches at noon.

We entered the boardroom to 15 smiling faces seated around a large oval table. A woman came into the room and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention please. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Gerry Van Kleek, recently appointed assistant deputy minister in this department and responsible for the Youth is Our Tomorrow Project."

There was a breathless pause. Then a tall baiding gentleman entered regally with two assistants holding his briefcase and his papers, almost, it seemed, bending before him and giving him last minute advice. He marched from one end of the room slowly. I expected to hear "Pomp and Circumstance," but it was just the rustle of papers and the hiss of whispered words. He reached a podium at the head of the table.

"Welcome," he said. "You are all here to take part in one of the most crucial projects of the 20th century, the key to understanding today's youth and the foundation for building programs for the future."

Van Kleek, standing at the podium and using overhead acetates, outlined his grand vision for almost an hour and a half. We 20 linguists were being hired to look at the new emerging language of youth and to identify how it was different from the language of adults.

Van Kleek now explained we were to discuss the project

Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

among ourselves and come up with ideas and approaches for research that would back up and endorse his views. He swept the few strands of hair from the front of his forehead and strode majestically from the room.

As linguists, we were essentially stunned. There was absolutely no evidence of a new emerging "youth language." Of course, there were vocabulary items that were used more by young people, but that did not constitute a "new language."

We were at a loss. Here we were being hired to study something that most of us did not believe existed. How to burst this balloon without losing our summer employment?

We came up with bogus research projects, which Van Kleek glowingly approved.

Just before the meeting ended, a smiling bespectacled man came into the room and distributed our previously completed travel claims to each of us. He requested that we ask for reimbursement of all allowable meals and miscellaneous expenses for the standard amounts, whether or not we had actually spent the money. After this exercise was complete, our group had

clerk expressed enormous satisfaction.
"Now it all makes sense," he said.

Brandishing the revised forms like a trophy held high, the clerk approached Van Kleek and, bowing slightly, like a serf before his master, he submitted the completed forms with a flourish.

increased our travel claims by a third, but the administration

Van Kleek turned to us and I could almost picture imaginary robes he was wrapping himself in as he swept to the door saying, "Go forth'and study. I know you will succeed in proving that youth has a new language. Good bye and good luck."

He left us sitting in amazed silence. The five of us from Toronto flew back on the same plane, vowing to each other we would never work for the federal government.

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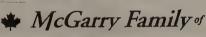
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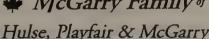


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memory of: Lillian Taller by Cindy and Charles Schachnow. Moshe Feig by Cindy and Charles Schachnow; and by Shelley and Morns Schachnow and Anne Mayberger Blair.

CLARE AND MAURICE SCHWARTZ FUND Belaled birthday wishes to: Goldie Cantor by Clare Schwartz.

SAM AND CELIA SHACHTER ENDOWMENT FUND

In grelltude to: lan and Estelle Metzer by Victor and Shirley Steinberg

SDL AND ZELAINE SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory ot:

Moshe Feig by Sol and Zelaine Shinder.

Lil Max by Sol and Zelaine Shinder. Sam Pebgorsky by Sol and Zelaine Shinder.

Simmy Gardner on the birth of her grand-daughter by

Birthdey wishes to: Linda Mirsky on her special birthday by Sol and Zelaine Shinde

Cindy Engel on her special birthday by Sol and Zelaine

R'tueh Sh'lemeh to:

Arnie Swedler by Sol and Zelaine Shinder.

Barbara and David Slipacoff by Sol and Zelaine Shinder

SHMELZER-HOROVITCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In honour ol:
Josh Goldberg and Lisa Schraenkler's marriage by Anne and Sol Shmelze

ISRAEL AND REBECCA SHORE MEMORIAL FUND Birthday wishes to:

Leonard Shore on his special birthday by Elissa and Avraham Iny and family. in memory of

Samuel Dale by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky. Moshe Feig by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky. Jennie Smolkin by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky. Lil Max by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky.
Sam Peligorsky by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky.

FAY AND JOSEPH SHULMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory ot: Saul and Renee Rosenstein by Marcia and Charles Rak

LORNE AND LAURIE SHUSTERMAN FAMILY FUND

In appreciation to:
Fred and Esti Pfeitfer by Ben Shusterman. Bram and Chani Bregman by Ben Shusterman.

JACK AND SARAH SILVERSTEIN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of: Leon Leibovitch by Jack and Sarah Silverslein. Lillian Max by Jack and Sarah Silverstein and lamity.

Birthday wishes to:

nd Silverstein by Carol and Laurie Pascoe and

LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND In memory of: Leonard Mader by Harvey Slack; and by Myra and

Lester Aronson and family.

Ben Weigensberg by Myra and Lester Aronson and

In honour of

Estelle Gunner on receiving the Ben Karp S.ICC Volun-Ieer Service Award for 2005 by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson. Mazal Toy to

Stuart Levine and Carol Williams on their marriage by Myra, Lesler, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson.

MDE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK MEMDRIAL FUND

Ben Weigensberg by Harvey Slack; and by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman.

Selma Gordon by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman.

Liflian Max by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman.
In observence of the Yahrzelt of:

Moe Slack by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman; by Sandra Palel and Nissim Avrahum; and by Enid Slack and

Ron Kanter and tarsily. Charlotte Slack by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman; by Sandra Palel and Nissim Avrahum; and by Enid Stack and

SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory ot:
Moshe Feig by David, Sharon, Ryan, Jaye and Brody

Appotive; and by Joy and Seymour Mender.
Peter Ginsberg by Joy, Seymour, Jessica, David and

DDRIS AND RICHARD STERN FAMILY FUND

Anniversary wishes to:
Mr. and Mrs. Armin Lovenvirth on their 44th wedding

anniversary by Doris and Richard Stern.
Linda and Kenneth Mirsky on their special wedding anniversary by Dons and Richard Stern. The Rashkovans by Doris and Richard Stem

In memory of: Al Cohn by the Stern, Bloom and Haskin lamilies

Congratulations to:
Richard Shatz on being honoured by Doris and Richard

Speedy recovery to: Colin Trestan by Doris and Richard Stem.

WILLIAM "BILL" STERNBERG MEMDRIAL FUND

Ruth Backman by Ted and Lava Jacobsen.

ARCHIE AND LILLIAN TALLER

In memory of: Lillian Taller by Sally Taller; by Sol and Zelaine Shinder; by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Libby and Stan Katz; by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky; by Anne Taller; by Kathy and Jeff Chelin; by Rhoda, Jeff, Abby and Zach Simbrow; by Manilyn Waserman, Wendy, Lon, Doron and Noa; and by Enid and Jeff Gould, Andy, Marni, Jill, Alex and Hayley.

JAV R TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of: Moshe Feig by Morton and Sally Taller.

CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND R'fuah Sh'lemah to: Arnie Swedler by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

CHARLES AND RAE TAVEL MEMORIAL FUND In memory of:

Moshe Feig by Ellen and Slan Magidson. BRENT AND RISA TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of: Rose Edelson by Risa, Brent and Shira Taylor. Mazal Toy to:

Ron and Jennifer Vered on the birth of their son Daniel by Risa, Brent and Shira Taylor Evelyn Greenberg on receiving an Honorary Doctorate

by Risa, Brent and Shira Taylor IRVING AND ETHEL TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

tn memory of: Moshe Feig by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

TENNENHOUSE FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND In memory of: Moshe Feig by Arnold and Faye Tennenhouse.

BUTH AND JOSEPH VINER ENDOWMENT FIIND

In memory ot: Moshe Feig by Ruth and Joe Viner. SDNIA AND ARTHUR VINER MEMORIAL FUND

John Greenberg by Sol and Zelaine Shinder

In memory o1: Lillian Taller by Haze Wainberg

HAZE WAINBERG FAMILY FUND

MIRIAM AND LOUIS WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND

Harry Stein by Minam and Louis Weiner. Lillian Taller by Minam and Louis Weiner. Lillian Max by Minam and Louis Weiner.

JOSEPH AND SONIA WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND

Rachel Nadolny by Larry and Yetta Arron. Sadie Waserman by Larry and Yetta Arron.

Birthday wishes to: Goldie Cantor on her special birthday by Larry and Yelta

Belated get well wishes to:
Estelle and John Liberman by Larry and Yetta Arron. Mazel Tov to:

Cindy Engel on the birth of her grandson by Larry and Yetta Arron.

MILDRED AND PERCY WEINSTEIN In memory of: Herb Vandermeulen's lather by Millie Weinstein.

ROBERT WENER AND LYNNE DRECK WENER

Congratulations to:
Mr and Mrs. Robert Coleman on the birth of their grand-

on Joshua by Lynne Oreck-Wener and Bob Wener and

lamily.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Karvey on their daughter
Deborah's engagement by Lynne Oreck Wener and Bobby Birthday wishes to:

Elaine Goldberg on her 75th birthday by Lynne Oreck-Wener, Bobby, Taryn, Elani and Hart Wener.

In memory of: Sheyla Alnikov by Lynne Oreck-Wener and Bobby

SAM AND HELENE ZARET ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of: Leonard Mader by Debi, Neil, Josh and Adam Zaret.

THE SAUL AND EDNA GOLDFARB **B'NA! MITZVAH PROGRAM** RYAN JEREMY BAKER B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

Moshe Feig by Benila

JAMIE BEREZIN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND In memory of: Lillian Taller by Susan

and Frank Danoff, Title Kushner by Sheldon and Corinne Taylor and Gerry Taylor; and by Gert Budovitch.

B'NAI MITZVAH FIIND Anniversary wishes to

Eric Weiner and Arlene Godfrey on their 20th wedding anniversary by Sharon and Paul Finn and

MAX JONAH GENNIS B'NAI MITZVAH FUND In memory of:

Silverstone by Fred and Leona Pinkus Moshe Feig by Sandy and Philip Gennis.

RYAN GOLDBERG B'NAI MITZVAH FUND In memory of:

Moshe Feig by Mary and Len Potechin.

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For additional information, please call Jean Myers at 798-4696, ext. 242

Deadline for all planting is June 21, 2005

^{*} A tax deductible receipt from Jewish Memorial Gardens will be issued for \$30 (single), \$60 (double), \$45 (across) respectively.

AT'S GOING ON April 11 to 24, 2005

For a detailed listing visit www.iewishottawa.org





MONDAY, APRIL 11: Israell tilm, Walk on Water, until April 14, Bytowne Cinema, 325 Rideau Street, Info: 789-FILM

pm

ture, quest speaker Stanley

Kershman, lawyer specializing

in bankruptcy law, author ol

"Put your Debt on a Diet," 7:30

THURSDAY

APRIL 14

guest Victor Rabinovitch, presi-

dent and CEO of the Museum of

Prime Time luncheon with

APRII 11 JET, "How to survive the Pesach Seder," 9:00 am

TUESDAY APRII 12 Voices of Compassion. Voices of Hope Concert, Beth Shalom Synagogue, 151 Chapel

St. 7:30 pm Financial Savy Kids Lec- Civilization. Temple Israel.

1301 Prince of Wales Drive. Shut School Open House,

Adudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 4:15

Interialth Event, with quest speaker Rev. Majaed El Shatie (Mack Smith) President of One Free World International, Temale Israel 1301 Prince of Wales Drive 7:00 nm

APRIL 17

State of Israel Bonds Brunch honouring Chuck and Roonia Maravitz and Steve and Roz Fremeth, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey

SJCC, Passover Family Pro-

Grades 4, 5, & 6 Chocolate Seder, Agudath Israel Congrega tion, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 3:00 MONDAY ADDII 10

Royal Netherlands Embassy presents documentary tilm Hidden Heroes, Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. West. 7:00 pm.

Anne Frank: A History tor Today, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrenginte Drive, Exhibit runs until May 5.

CHINDAY APRII 17

Community invited to an Open House to observe completion of Shloshim tor Sam Petigorsky, who served with the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha lor over 50 years, Jewish Memorial Chapel, 1771 Cuba Street,

TUESDAY

Temple Champagne Auction, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales, 5:30 pm.

> SHNDAY APRIL 124

Shalom Ottawa with host Nicola Hamer, Rogers Cable 22,



BEFORE

Apr 15 # 7:31 pm Apr 22 \$ 7:40 pm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27 Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Passover luncheon with Jerroris1 expert Rita Katz. Ticket info: 829-3150

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 You Hash ah Community Communitation. SJCC. 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 5 Canadian Friends of Yad Vashem Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Parliament Hill, 3:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schaler, calendar coordinator at 738-8818 ext. 255. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be open and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 738-9839 or email to bechaler@iccottawa.com.



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Condolences

Condolences are extended to the families of: Ruth Backman, Montreal (mother of Sydney Backman) Sarah Berke Wiliiam (Bill) Bren Samuel Dale, Toronto (father of Bob Dale) Moshe Felg Ruth Feller, Montreal Louis Gottheil, Montreal (father of Brian Gottheil) Dr. Saul Green, Halifax (father of Marsha Aronson)

Craig Hall Dr. Oscar Hoffman Dora Jacobson Melvin (Mickey) Kostove Gisela Levi Lillian Max Samuei Petigorsky Lily Rosenberg, Montreal (mother of Brenda Rosenberg) Norman Martin Sandler Jennie Smolkin Lillian Taller May their memory be a blessing always.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

APRIL 20 FOR MAY 9

May 4 FOR MAY 23

JUNE 1 FOR JUNE 20

JULY 6 FOR JULY 25

AUGUST 3 FOR AUGUST 22

AUGUST 17 FOR SEPTEMBER 5

AUGUST 31

FOR SEPTEMBER 26* SEPTEMBER 21

FOR OCTOBER 10

OCTOBER 6

FOR OCTOBER 31

OCTOBER 26 FOR NOVEMBER 14